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Newspaper Decisions.

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SIX PAGES.

MR. WRIGHT'S letter on "Our County Jail," contains a just rebuke to the Jail Commissioners of Maine. The laws make it their duty to visit the jails once in three months; but for two years no member of the board has been near the Oxford Jail. Yet they presume to criticize the Jail and implicitly its management; and in order to do so, pick up "store talk," without stopping to consider, as Mr. Wright so pointedly shows, that their complaint is barred by a Statute provision. The trouble with half our State institutions is just this—the Commissioners appointed by law do not half attend to their duties. They report every thing all lovely, or pile criticism unjustly upon some well conducted institution, without having obtained correct information concerning it. Our County Jail is good enough for any criminal who may be committed to it, and it is so safe and secure that no prisoner can escape except by the door, through the carelessness of the Jailor.

—The members of the committee voted to visit the Reform School accompanied by their wives, on Thursday, Feb. 8th.—*Ed.*

Considering the importance of this institution, and the recent investigation of its management, we should think the committee would make their visit one of business rather than a "junketing expedition." A day or two, could be well spent in the vicinity of this school by the Legislature and Council Committee. Some practical suggestions should emanate from the committee and be embodied in a law, before the Legislature adjourns.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF OXFORD COUNTY MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

PREPARED BY HOWARD OWEN OF THE MAINE FARMER.

SENATORS.

CLARK, JAMES W., Andover, Republican, Congregationalist, painter and building house keeper, married, age 62. Born in Reading, Vt., attended the common schools. Lived on a farm until he was nineteen years of age, since then he has been in several kinds of business, was in stage business seventeen years and had all contracts for stage routes for twenty years, at the present is President of Bryant's Pond and Andover Telegraph Co. Has held the various town offices. Member of the Legislature in 1870.

STEARNS, ECKLEY T., Lovell, Republican, Congregationalist, merchant and farmer, married, age 38. Born in Lovell, and educated in the town schools and at Fryburg Academy. Served six years in the Maine Militia, four years as chairman. Participated in the war of the rebellion. Always a Republican.

REPRESENTATIVES.

BEARCE, HENRY M., Norway, Republican, no religious preferences, attorney at law, single, age 45. Born in Norway, and educated at Waterville College. Postmaster thirteen years, now President of the Norway National Bank. Was Lieutenant in the army, and incarcerated in a rebel prison eight months. Always a Republican.

CHANDLER, STEPHEN, Stow, Democrat, Universalist, no religious preferences, farmer, married, age 50. Born in Chatham, N. H., and attended the common schools, and Academies. Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of the Poor ten years. Supervisor of Schools nearly as many, and has been in the other minor offices pertaining to town affairs. Enlisted in Col. Virginia's regiment in 1862, mustered out of the service in July, 1863.

HOWARD, CHARLES E., Hiram, Republican, Congregationalist, railroad and express agent, married, age 40. Born in Hiram, and attended the common schools. Postmaster one year, Town Treasurer three years. At the beginning of the war acted as a private in the Maine Regiment. In the army two years and remained at home one year and then went to Little Rock, Ark., and tended the Gov't store till the close of the war.

KIMBALL, CHARLES M., Bethel, Republican, Methodist, farmer, married, age 45. Born in Bethel, and attended the common schools, four years in California. Has held the offices of Selectman and Town Committee.

STEVENS, SOLOMON F., Sumner, Republican, Congregationalist, farmer, married, age 38. Born in Sumner, and educated in common and high schools. On board of Selectmen four years, from 1875 to 1882.

TAYLOR, RANDALL L., Roxbury, Republican, no religious preferences, farmer, married, age 32. Born in Roxbury, and attended the common schools. Has been Selectman, Town Clerk and School Supervisor.

TRACY, GRANVILLE L., Oxford, Republican, Second Adventist, clergyman, married, age 35. Born in Franklin, Massachusetts, in a log house. Educated in the common schools, privileges very limited in early life. Has held municipal offices, has been a minister of the Gospel 15 years. Always a Republican.

WILSON, GEORGE A., South Paris, Republican, Congregationalist, lawyer, married, age 32. Born in Paris, and attended the common schools at Waterville College. Is Treasurer of the So. Paris Savings Bank for 10 years. Was Clerk and Assessor of South Paris Village Corporation for fifteen years. Always a Republican.

THE business in the Probate Court in Oxford is largely on the increase. At the January term the Court took action on matters in eighty two different estates. The Register is obliged to employ an assistant a portion of the time, which is quite a hardship on his present salary, which is altogether too small for the amount of business in the office.

We wish to inform the Lincoln County News that the poem, "First Get the Water, then the Mill," which it published, last week, was written for the OXFORD DEMOCRAT. All the poems by Rev. William Brunton which we publish are written expressly for this paper.

J. K. MARTIN of the City Hotel, Portland, has leased the Falmouth. We imagine that this inn will now be put on a paying basis, if it is possible to make so large a concern profitable.

A BLANK CARTRIDGE.—Congressman Murch backs down from his charges that the Washington Gas Company had corrupted the action of Congress. Mr. Murch ought to know he is loaded before he shoots himself off.

The Farmington Chronicle has enlarged to eight columns.

R. S. MORSE of East Dixfield has patented a staddle for drying beans.

New Advertisements.—N. D. Bolste has 40 inch sheeting for 8c per yard, and 36 inch for 7 1/2c.

Elizabeth C. Greenleaf of Oxford petitions for a divorce.

Petition for distribution of estate of Jane T. Reynolds.

Commissioner of Insolvency in estate of Hattie B. Estes of Woodstock.

Insolvency Notice.—Account of W. O. Douglass, Assignee in estate of Stephen S. Hatch.

Messenger's Notice.—Estate of Anthony Lefaire of Norway. Jonathan Blake, Dep. Sheriff.

OUR COUNTY JAIL.

Mr. Editor:

In Lewiston Journal daily issue of Jan. 24th, under the head of "Our Jails,"—"What the Inspectors have to say of their Condition"—we find the following:

Oxford County Jail.—At Paris. Warren O. Douglass, Jailor. One hundred dollars was expended for repairs. The jail is well cared for and is in as good condition as its construction admits of. As a matter of economy the jail is a success, as the presiding Judge at a late term of Court instead of giving a prisoner one year's sentence in the jail, as he would have done had it been suitable, sentenced him to State Prison instead; so that the expense making the other counties share with Oxford in the expense which belonged to it. Whole number of commitments, twenty-one. One for drunkenness, and one for selling intoxicating liquors. Four were sent to State Prison.

Now if this were true, we would deem it a just reprimand, but it is not only untrue, but unjust to the people of Oxford County. The jail, here, is built of granite, is divided into four cells each 18x12 feet in size, with good cement floors in the lower, and firmly laid board floors in the upper cells, a half-way between the cells above and below with solid granite walls. It is well lighted, and made secure, by heavy iron bars across the windows on the outside, with heavy iron doors well secured by bolts and improved locks, so that it is considered safe and secure. It is surrounded by a high picket fence, and we believe it one of the best and safest of the old-fashioned jails in the State. The statement that "the presiding Judge at a late term of Court, instead of giving a prisoner one year's sentence in the jail, as he would have done had it been suitable, sentenced him to State Prison instead," is not only a surprise to the people of this County, but is not correct in fact. No such reason was ever assigned for such sentence, to our knowledge; and if the Inspectors will examine the Statutes, chapter 135, section 2, they will see that all sentences "for the term of one year or more, shall be in the State Prison, and for a less term in the county jail, or house of correction." This provision has not been changed except by the provision of law passed since the Statutes of 1871, that "when the punishment provided by law may be imprisonment in the State Prison for three years or less, such punishment may be inflicted by the Court, in its discretion, in either of the work-jails." (Laws of 1873 as amended by ch. 183, Laws of 1877, and incorporated in Goddard's revision of Statutes, ch. 135.) If prisoners are sent to the work-jail, they are to be sentenced to the "nearest or most convenient" one to the county where the offense is committed, and in such case the county from which the prisoner is sentenced pays the board of the prisoner, receiving the credit for that labor he may perform. For the past two years five prisoners have been sentenced to the State Prison from this County: one in 1881, for burglary and larceny, two years; four in 1882—three being for adultery, one year each, and one for an assault. This last one was indicted for rape, and the jury not being able to agree, evidently compromised their verdict by convicting him of the lesser offense of an assault. The Judge who passed the sentence, cognizant of the fact that he had served a sentence in the Auburn work-jail, and one in the State Prison, gave him one year in State Prison. Such offenses are now declared felonies and may be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison not exceeding five years. Neither of these prisoners was sent to State Prison in consequence of the unsuitableness of the jail, but in consequence of the degree of the offense, and no such reason as alleged in the foregoing report, to our knowledge, has ever been given by any Judge here, for sentencing a prisoner to State Prison. Prisoners have been sentenced to this jail for six months, and other terms less than one year. As a matter of fact, we are informed by the Jailor for 1882, that the Inspectors have not visited this jail since 1880, and believing they had been misinformed, we deem it important that this correction should be made.

A QUESTION OF TAXES.

I see by the press reports that our lawmakers at Augusta are really making an effort to devise some way of taxing the property of religious, literary and benevolent institutions. This may be well, but are they trying to secure the tax on the millions of property now taxable by law, that escapes taxation in whole or in part under our present system of assessing and collecting taxes? I see no report of any attempt to remedy this great and crying evil. Are they not straining at a gnat while swallowing a camel? But I suppose we ought to be thankful for small favors, but some favors seem to be too very small to be even thankful for. Do our Representatives and Senators expect to escape public criticism by imposing a tax on the small institutions accumulated by these societies, and doing nothing to equalize and mitigate the burdens of taxation?

AN OLD BANK NOTE.

NEWCASTLE, MAINE, (Jan. 11, 1883.)

To the Editor of the Oxford Democrat:

In examining the papers of my late father, I found an old State bank bill on the Veasie Bank of Bangor, in a forgotten box of dusty papers. For the curiosity of the thing, I sent it to the Veasie National Bank, the successor of the State bank of the same name, with a request to redeem if they had funds of the old bank. I was agreeably surprised to receive by return mail a greenback in exchange for the old bill. So it seems that the old Veasie Bank is as true as ever to its old good reputation, and pays its notes with as much freedom as if it had not gone out of existence many years ago. Perhaps some of your readers have similar bills, and would like to try my experiment. CHAS. A. BLACK.

A DESERVED COMPLIMENT.—Gov. Robie in his inaugural, paid a high compliment to the zeal and efficiency of Maj. Gen. Chamberlain as commander of the first division of the Maine Volunteer Militia. Not intending to detract from the compliment to the Division Commander, we think he omits to mention the services of the one other officer, Adjutant General Beal, to whom all others in the state, the Militia of Maine is indebted for the remarkable efficiency it has attained.—*Lewiston Gazette.*

TEMPERATURE LAST WEEK at 7 A. M.—Sunday, 34°; clear; Monday, 20°; clear; Tuesday, -10°; clear; Wednesday, -8°; clear; Thursday, 4°; cloudy; Friday, -8°; clear; Saturday, 4°; cloudy.

OXFORD COUNTY LOCALS.

ALBANY.—The school in district No. 2, closed on Friday, the 19th inst, after a successful term of ten weeks under the charge of Miss M. E. Millett of Waterville. Mr. Edwin French and Miss Lizzie Dresser are among the number attending No. Bridgton Academy.

Some six or seven farms are for sale in this town, at the present writing. More than at any one time for several years.

George French is very low, and his death is daily expected.

John F. Lord recently sold a nice pair of cattle for two hundred dollars. Mr. Lord is considerable of a cattle dealer, but thinks there is more money to be made on fat oxen than on poorer grades.

Two little children of Ruel Abbott, have been quite sick with scarlet fever, but are better now.

David Jordan is at work for Cyrus Kneeland at Albany Basins.

Geo. H. Becker is still logging from his lot in the north end of the town. Geo. W. French is lumbering from his Uncle Geo. French's lot in the South Part of the town. Things present a very lively appearance around McAlister's mill. J. F. L.

Jan. 27.—Millard A. Lord recently performed a surgical operation very successfully performed at the Maine General Hospital, removing a fistula which threatened his life. He remained at the hospital one week. Is now at home doing nicely, under the care of Dr. Hill of Bethel.

Miss Nellie Wardwell who has long been an invalid, is now a little more comfortable. Hopes and fears alternate. She has spent much upon many physicians.

James Flint was struck on the head by a falling tree and made insensible for a time.

ANDOVER, Jan. 27.—This long continued cold weather, and good sledding, is the best for logging operations which are being pushed to nearly full contracts at this time. J. A. Thorne expects to get in seventeen hundred thousand, and may, two million of spruce, for Mark P. Emery, esp. of Portland, and M. T. Cross, esp. of Bethel, who own in the North Surplus what proves to be a valuable tract, and will be more so, when the Narrow Gauge R. R., from Bethel is running. This new R. R. is not over estimated in any particular by your experienced correspondent from Bethel in the last issue. Again when you see the interest manifested in Bethel, Andover and other towns, by men so ripe in years; let there be no faltering on the part of younger men who are presumed to in time derive the most benefit. The expense of floating down the many million of spruce and pine annually is immense and uncertain, besides the hard work that must be done here. Would not this expense alone run a railroad? Messrs. Dresser & Porter are having good success, putting in spruce, on the West Branch, as are the crews at No. Ramford, two years; four in 1882—three being for adultery, one year each, and one for an assault. This last one was indicted for rape, and the jury not being able to agree, evidently compromised their verdict by convicting him of the lesser offense of an assault. The Judge who passed the sentence, cognizant of the fact that he had served a sentence in the Auburn work-jail, and one in the State Prison, gave him one year in State Prison. Such offenses are now declared felonies and may be punished by imprisonment in the State Prison not exceeding five years. Neither of these prisoners was sent to State Prison in consequence of the unsuitableness of the jail, but in consequence of the degree of the offense, and no such reason as alleged in the foregoing report, to our knowledge, has ever been given by any Judge here, for sentencing a prisoner to State Prison. Prisoners have been sentenced to this jail for six months, and other terms less than one year. As a matter of fact, we are informed by the Jailor for 1882, that the Inspectors have not visited this jail since 1880, and believing they had been misinformed, we deem it important that this correction should be made.

At the Smith Steam mill, business is good and was it not for the steam power, corn would have to be fed whole. Potatoes are going off fast at 75 cts. on the G. T. R. R.

Stock is making a telling effect on the hay mow.

CORRESPONDENT.

BRANT'S POND.—Mr. Caleb Besse, aged about sixty years, Tyler of Jefferson Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons at Brant's Pond, was at the Lodge meeting, Tuesday evening, in his usual health, and attended to his duties there as Tyler. During the evening he complained of feeling unwell, and Dr. Sawyer was called and he was assisted home, where he died about 11 o'clock the same night. Cause of death unknown.—*Journal.*

CANTON.—Water is very low in Canton. Some farmers are obliged to drive their cattle some distance to find water. The grist mill at Canton cannot grind wheat and but a small amount of corn.

The most wood and lumber business has been done here for many years. H. G. Thayer is operating largely on the Stevens Island getting out a vast amount of wood, and maple, basswood, and ash timber, which he is sawing and sending to market.

I regret to record another sad death in our village. Mrs. Martha, wife of Edwin Greenwood, and daughter of Deacon Nathan P. Reynolds, died on the 22d, with lung fever, after a brief illness. She leaves four little children.—*Journal.*

DEMARE.—Mr. C. B. Hartford of Denmark, who has been employed several years as conductor on the horse-cars, has gone into the meat and provision business, in Malden, Mass. We are told that he has a fine store, and employs three hands all the time, and a fourth hand part of the time.

Mr. Edward Smith of Denmark, died in Lowell, Mass., January 11th. The remains were brought to Denmark for burial. The funeral, which was under the charge of the Old Fellows, took place, on Sunday, at the residence of C. B. Smith, a brother of the deceased. At a meeting of Denmark Lodge of Odd Fellows, Jan. 16, resolutions of respect to the memory of their late brother were adopted, in which tribute to his worth and his labors in the Lodge since its institution, March 27th, 1867, was expressed.—*News.*

FRYBURG.—Russell's Echo or The North Star was one of the earliest papers printed in Maine, and the first in Oxford County. It appeared at intervals of a week or fortnight throughout a part or the whole of the year 1798.

A complete file of this paper would be a very interesting reading now, but that is not to be found, at least not in any one place.

Nos. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 15, 17 are to be found in the Harvard College Library. There are some in the Library of Dartmouth College.

In the American Antiquarian Hall at Worcester, Mass., are Nos. 7, 8, 9, 11. A single copy, No. 5, is in possession of G. B. Barrows, Fryburg.

The price as announced in the paper was "12 dol. pr. Ann." but it was not always paid in cash. Judging from the pathetic appeals for subscribers in its columns, and its short life, Mr. Russell did not find it a very profitable undertaking.

The following advertisement is found in No. 7, Apr. 19, 1798:

Wanted by the Printer hereof, 8 or 10 days work, those persons who wish to pay for newspapers in this way are invited to come furnished with axes.

Also wanted a few pounds of BUTTER. Terms of the Echo. Pay in anything or—Cash. No. 8 puts it a little stronger: Terms of the Echo—Pay in anything.

In the same number is this notice: Blanks for Justices of the Peace in Mass.achusetts or New Hampshire, printed on

good fine paper of large size, for sale at the Echo Printing Office.

Also the History of Jack Nips.

In No. 9, May 17, 1798, Mr. Russell's desire for patronage shows itself in poetry: "No. 19 of the Echo will be published on the 31st of May; and the Editor intends publishing it weekly after that time."

More subscribers would be cheerfully enrolled on our list which has at present barely enough to pay the expenses of publication.

"Hot all who thirst for News. Come and our sheets peruse—The Fryburg Press invites All, Jews and Gentiles. Payments easy made, in anything you please, Wheat, rye, corn, butter, pork, flax, cheese, Cash will not be rejected. Tho' much is not expected."

In No. 11 the terms of the Echo are: "Pay in anything or something."

Jan. 27.—Mr. Charles F. Smith and Miss Lizzie Osgood were married by Mr. Stone, Wednesday, Jan. 24, and immediately left town for Ashland, N. H., which is to be their home.

S. W. Fife has been in Boston the greater part of this week.

Mr. Chas. Perry has started to join a party of friends who propose spending the remainder of the winter at Jacksonville, Fla. He will return in April.

The chief event of the week was the supper, given on Thursday evening, to aid in procuring hose. The public notice read as follows:

Fire. Hose Supper at Court Hall, Thursday, Jan. 25. Auction Sale & Baby Show at 6:30. Supper at S. Admission to Hall Free. Supper 25c. Oysters 25c. Music by Orchestra. Dance by "Ye-Old-Fellows."

A committee of ladies were on hand in the afternoon to receive and arrange the quantities of provisions that poured in and early in the evening the people began to assemble. The hall was decorated with evergreen wreaths, flags and Japanese lanterns. Young ladies and little girls in fancy costumes sold button-hole bouquets, candies, lemonades, corn balls, etc.

The curtain on the stage bore the sign Baby Show, together with advertisements of soothing syrup and kidnap remedies. Behind, for a small consideration one could see a marvelous group of babies, who seemed to show that men are but children of a larger growth.

Supper was so soon announced that the auction sale was omitted. Of the supper it is enough to say that the tables were filled again and again—between 200 and 300 being served.

The Old Folks Dance (Money Mask) was led off by Mr. John Smith and Miss Pike.

A little notice of Mr. Smith was given in the article on "Fryburg Memories" in last week's DEMOCRAT.

Some other dances followed. Although this village was chiefly interested in the object, the neighboring towns of Brownfield, Denmark, Conway and particularly Lovell were well represented.

Something over eighty dollars were cleared in spite of the low price of the supper.

ISO.

HARTFORD, Jan. 15.—The members of the Crystal Wave Good Templars, East Buckfield, are reminded that the fifteenth anniversary will occur on Tuesday evening, Jan. 30th. Of the sixteen who met to form the lodge, fourteen are living. Of the sixteen charter members thirteen are living. The oldest members belonging to the lodge are Wm. Bicknell and wife. They were present at the first meetings for the first five years. Met their three children in the lodge. For the last ten years two grandchildren have met with them in addition to the above.

At the meeting of the Wave on the 11th, among the exercises were recitations, declamations, reading of the 29th number of the Pearl by Miss R. E. Irish and remarks for the good of the Order by young and old, including Miss Estes of Waterville.

She was listened to with great interest. Her remarks for the order of Good Templarism will be remembered for good by many. The Wave has two daughters, Forest Lake, Hartford, in her fourteenth year. Sure Haven, Hebron, in her tenth year. Her mother, Neolozet at Buckfield is feeble, doubtful if she recovers.

The cold wave of January softened a little on the 13th and 14th. The drought is growing more severe. In 1874 I noticed the same snow which fell on the roof in November, remained till into April. In 1858, I boarded with Mr. Morse, a blacksmith at Britton's Mills, Livermore. On account of the ice he shod many cows so they could go down the banks of the river to drink.

HARTFORD.

HARTFORD, Jan. 22.—The first crust for the winter was seen on the snow the 21st, followed by a January thaw of a few hours, when the wind with the snow falling the night before, in addition to the old snow, would have blocked the roads. Thermometer fell twenty degrees. Streams, ponds, and deep wells are showing effects of the long-continued drouth, causing much extra labor for the want of water.

Owing to the many demands for Hartford Cold Spring Water, a new machine of larger capacity than the first, has been put into the barrelling and bottling house, near the spring, for charging and bottling the water and making ginger ale, which finds a ready market. The call for the uncharged, charged and ginger ale will employ a number of men, and add much to the freight from and to Buckfield depot.

HARTFORD.

KEZAR FALLS.—Cold weather still continues at this place. Mercury at zero or below about every day, yet we have but a light burden of snow which gives us good sleighing, and a nice chance for the operations of lumbermen. A large quantity of timber is being drawn to the several mills in this vicinity, and being landed on the banks of the Ossipee and Saco rivers, for the markets farther down. At Cornish every available spot of ground in the village seems to be piled with oak bolts, waiting to be cut into staves. The water in the Ossipee river is very low. In consequence the mills at this place cannot run but a part of the time. What is needed is a good stone dam, well cemented, and it is what will be again soon.

Diphtheria has again broken out in this vicinity. At Porter village there are several cases and one death has occurred. A little son of N. F. Holmes, aged ten years. James A. Black of this place has a little son very sick with the disease. Mr. Gillman F. Norton and wife are very sick of fever, and have been for several days; but it is hoped they are now convalescent.

John Weeks & Son are preparing, for another brick kiln another year. The demand for bricks is greater than they can supply.

The schools in Porter have been quite successful thus far. No complaint of any kind as yet.

Many wells are dry and cellars are cold. Stock is wintering well and has plenty.

At Freedom, N. H., there is a religious revival with many new converts.

Alonso Thompson of Porter is one of the fortunate ones. Last week he had a check come to him for back pension to the amount of \$1,996. He was a soldier of the late rebellion.

MILTON.—The steam mill at Allensville was burned down in the forenoon of Jan. 23d. The fire was first discovered in the dry-room, and all efforts to extinguish the flames proved unavailing. The wind blew hard, and if it had not been for the snow on the roofs of adjoining buildings nothing could have saved them. We were informed that there was \$1,000 insurance on the building and \$1,000 on the machinery, which was not near its real value. Therefore the Manns' loss was very heavy, as everything was lost.

NORWAY.—The Old Folks' Concert at Concert Hall next Wednesday evening will draw a crowd.

How much quail can a man eat per day for 30 days is a question one hears discussed quite often now. Noble will bet \$500, that he can eat three quails a day for 30 days.

The farmers appear to be a very active set of men just now. They are hauling large quantities of wood and timber to market.

Town meeting Sat. to determine what is to be done about the shoe factory matter.

The New Hall will soon be completed. It will be dedicated with a grand "break down" probably.

The stir in certain quarters over the divorce question may lead to some good results. The marriage laws need to be overhauled. Cause and effect go hand in hand.

Rev. W. W. Hooper delivered an excellent sermon last, Sabbath at the Universalist church. He is much liked and has been engaged for another year.

PARIS.—The next entertainment for the benefit of the Academy building, will be held next Friday evening, Feb. 2d. The drama "Sunshine through the Clouds," and the farce, "The two T. J.'s," will be presented. The committee have spared no pains to make this entertainment a success.

No. PARIS.—Mrs. Hiram Chase informs me, she has wove two hundred and sixty yards, all carpeting, but 27 yards fannel, since the first of last March, beside doing her own house work.

SOUTH PARIS.—Will Shaw, engineer on the Norway Branch R. R., has moved into his new house.

Col. Sweet pointed out a pair of work horses bought in Vermont by his son, Harvey, that had a foreign air about them. They impressed us as being the most valuable working span that we had seen. If we could raise such horses instead of lighter trotting (?) breeds, it would add value and worth.

We noticed Ambrose Swan's colt stepping out about a 2:40 rate, coming in on the Buckfield road.

They say the little store opposite the depot undersells the big stores.

Wood is coming in here plentifully.

Uncle Sam Corbett of Hebron says he wants just one more argument with Dr. Rounds to take the skepticism out of him. He also says that phrenology gives Capt. Bolster a very prominent organ for honesty, and that he wants to see his partner, Walker, with his hat off.

WATERFORD.—The second lecture in the course before the Home school at Waterford, was delivered on Tuesday evening, Jan. 16, by Rev. J. K. Mason, D. D., of Fryburg, in which the speaker gave us a leaf from his travels in Europe. He especially dwelt upon his experience in the Alps and vicinity; and one, at least, who has for a long time had a desire to visit the Alps, feels almost that he has made the trip, and is in some degree satisfied. The lecture was excellent, and entertaining in the highest degree. Some portions of it describing the glaciers, the Alpine peaks, Mt. Blanc, and the thunder storm being among the finest specimens of word painting your correspondent ever heard. The management was very fortunate in securing this lecture in the course, as all who listened to it must regard themselves fortunate in the privilege they enjoyed.—*Journal.*

Good TEMPLARS.—A new lodge of Good Templars was instituted at North Turner, Wednesday, Jan. 24, by State Deputy Mrs. H. M. C. Estes. This takes the name of "Valley Lodge" and starts with indications of much promise with 18 charter members, and the following board of officers: J. Frank Quimby, W. C. T.; Miss Minnie Keene, W. V. T.; Joseph Robinson, W. Chap.; S. H. Marston, W. Sec.; Mrs. Rosalie Conant, W. F. Sec.; Melvin S. French, W. Treas.; Willis Odham, W. M.; Lizzie Libby, W. I. G.; Elias Keene, Past W. C. T., and Lodge Deputy Mrs. Estes also organized a fine lodge at Turner Village, last week. As usual she is doing good work.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were adopted by Cold River Lodge, No. 162, L. O. of G. T., Dec. 19, 1882:

WHEREAS, By the will of Divine Providence, who doeth all things well, Brother J. R. Abbott, was removed from us by death, Dec. 3d, 1882, and

WHEREAS, We recognized in him,—though young in years,—one who, if spared would have been a bright gem in society, and one who was ever ready to do his best for the prosperity of our Lodge; Therefore,

Resolved, that we, the members of Cold River Lodge, shall ever remember his sweet voice in song and recitations, and do express our deep feelings of sorrow for the loss our order has sustained in his death.

Resolved, that we tender to his bereaved parents, brothers and sisters our heartfelt sympathy for their loss, and in return, and our kind assurances that we, also, are mourners with them.

Resolved, that this preamble and these resolutions be placed upon our records, and that a copy be forwarded to the parents of our late brother, and to the OXFORD DEMOCRAT for publication.

J. WALDO NASH, PERCY WILSON, WILSON HARRISON, Com.

MAINE GAME.—Fish Commissioner Stanley in his annual report recommended that a stop be put to the exportation of fish and game from Maine. A petition for a law to that effect was presented to the Legislature Monday. The object is to check the rapid depletion of fish and game in the Maine woods. Nearly 800 deer are reported to have been shot for the Boston market about this winter, and in summer the hot-hunter does his best to extinguish the trout family. Unless the havoc is made to cease, the Maine woods bid fair to be robbed of their chief attraction to the sportsmen and summer tourists.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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FLORENCE C. FOLSON, of Oxford, Co. of Ox-

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testify that the within and foregoing is a true and

correct copy of the will of the said Frederick W. Fol-

son, deceased, as the same appears from the records

of said Court, and that the said will is now on file

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THE HISTORY OF WOODSTOCK.

The following appreciative notice of Dr.

Lapham's History of Woodstock is from the

New England Historical Register, pub-

lished in Boston, and the leading histori-

cal publication in the country.

This book shows the careful and pa-

tient work of one who unites the loving

instinct of the true historian with the

clear judgment of the practical journal-

ist, and is valuable alike for its collection

of the principal facts, dates and events in

the brief annals of the town as well as

the entertaining style in which it is writ-

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tion of the natural scenery, mountains,

streams, lakes; the formation of its

rocks and soils; the Flora and Fauna of

the region, is followed by the story of

earliest explorers and hunters, and

then the first settlers. The first

From Lapham's History of Woodstock.

INCIDENTS AND ANECDOTES.

NEW USE FOR A SKILLET LEG.

When John Billings lived in a log

house, on the farm afterwards occupied

by Capt. Johnathan Cole, and had but

a small clearing, one morning his dog

began to run and bark through the

neighboring woods, and soon becoming

stationary, Mr. Billings knew that he

had treed his game, whatever it might

be. So taking down his old "queen's

arm," he loaded it heavily with powder

and buck shot, and to make it doubly

sure, he dropped a skillet leg into the

barrel. Shouldering it, he went over to

Joseph Whitman's, his nearest neighbor,

and engaged him to go with him to see

what the dog had treed. The direction

was on the hill east of Mr. Whitman's

house, and when they came near where

the dog was, they looked up and saw

a large cat-like animal leaping from tree

to tree. Mr. Whitman was greatly ex-

cited, and axe in hand, jumped over

windfalls and tore through the under-

brush, exclaiming, "By golly, it's a cat-

amount." Mr. Billings followed close

behind, and soon the monster stopped,

turned toward them and prepared to

spring. But when he had drawn him-

self up to make his leap from the tree,

Billings coolly took aim and fired. The

animal fell dead at their feet, his heart

pierced by the skillet leg, while the re-

coil of the gun from the overcharge

knocked Mr. Billings nearly senseless.

The skin of the catamount was shown as

a trophy many years afterwards.

BACKWOODS LIFE.

Luther Whitman, jr., moved into the

east part of the town in 1821. The

tract of land upon which he settled had

been sold for taxes and bid off by his

father, to whom it became forfeited. It

was situated on a high hill and was

covered by a heavy growth of hard wood.

It was quite an undertaking for Mr.

Whitman to commence life for himself

upon such land, but he had just been

married, was full of hope and courage,

and so was his wife, and neither of them

thought of shrinking from the trying

duties which the situation imposed. When

they set out, their household goods were

few and simple, and Mrs. Whitman rode

on horseback as far as Lemuel Perham's,

which was the end of the road. From

this point they traveled on foot two miles

into the woods, guided only by a spotted

line, to reach their place of destination.

Here Mr. Whitman had already erected

a log cabin, in which he and his com-

panion set up their household goods and

gods. It was some years before they had

any neighbor nearer than Mr. Perham.

On two occasions during those years, the

fire went out on the hearthstone, and Mrs.

Whitman was obliged to go to Mr. Per-

ham's for a supply. It was no easy mat-

ter to carry fire two miles through the

woods, but she took a piece of old cotton

roll, rolled it tightly and setting the

end on fire, it kept alive until she reached

her home. They suffered many priva-

tions, but Mr. Whitman was a stalwart

worker and well skilled in woodcraft,

and in process of time, they had a large

and productive farm. They reared a

Refus then, in a low voice, told his

father to look behind him, which he did,

and at once recognized his pursuer as a

moderately-sized bear, and not more

than fifteen or twenty feet off. The

Elder at once sprang into the frame,

dropped his dish of nails, and seized an

axe and rushed out. The tables were

now turned and the pursuer became the

pursued. The bear crossed the road and

ran down through the level land toward

the place where Newell F. Rowe now

lives. Refus, from his perch on the

building, could see the whole affair.

Near where Rowe's buildings now stand

was a plowed field, and across this the

bear pursued his flight, the Elder at a

time being more than two rods behind

him. But the Elder found the bear's

strength too much for him, and as he

crossed the old road on the "Whale's

Back" and plunged into the swamp be-

eyond the pursuit was abandoned. The

bear went over through the Bryant

neighborhood and passed into Greenwood

near the foot of South Pond, being seen

at various points on the way. As he

passed into "Shadagee," the people

turned out and pursued him until he was

captured.

BEARS ON A BENDER.

The following incident took place in

Greenwood, though Woodstockers may

have had a hand in it: One year the

bears were plenty and unusually bold

and troublesome to the settlers. John

Sanborn, of Greenwood, after baiting

them with molasses for a while, one

night mixed with the molasses quite a

quantity of New England rum, and the

next morning had the satisfaction of find-

ing two bears stupidly drunk. Calling

together as many friends as could be

aid in dispatching his game, a proposi-

tion was made to have a little fun out

of it. So, after a good drink all around,

and procuring several ox-chains and some

fence rails, they proceeded to securely

fasten a rail to each bear. They then

commenced to "wake up the animals,"

and with one or two men at each end

of the rails, they could make the bears

go in any direction they pleased, and they

enjoyed the sport hugely. But they

kept it up a little too long, until the men

begun to grow drunk while the bears

were sobering off. The result was, that

some of the men got pretty severely

